a shortfall of about 6038 MU (3.4% of target). The average electrical energy and peak shortage in the country during the current year (April-October, 2005) was 7.3% and 9.1% respectively.

The cost of generation of power varies from station to station depending upon the capital cost, technology used, type of fuel used and size and location of the plant. However, with the fixed cost remaining the same, less generation has the effect of increasing per unit cost of generation.

(c) and (d) The following measures have been taken by the Government of India for increasing the production in the power plants:

(i) Providing loan with interest subsidy by Power Finance Corporation to States under Accelerated Power Generation and Supply Programme (APGSP) for undertaking Renovation, Modernization and Life Extension of generating units.

(ii) Introduction of Partnership in Excellence in plant performance with tie-up of better performing power utilities with low performing power stations to improve their Plant Load Factor.

(iii) Reducing period of planned maintenance and adopting better operation and maintenance practices.

Proposals for power addition

102. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Ministry has initiated plans at multiple levels to achieve the power capacity addition of 36955 MWs in the Tenth Plan;

(b) whether these plans will enable the people to enjoy the quality electric power at affordable rates by 2012;

(c) whether to meet all India peak demand of 1,51,648 MW by the end of Eleventh Plan, CEA has identified projects far in excess of this requirement and has initiated action on them; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government is hopeful of meeting the demands of the power by the end of Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) In the Mid Term Review of the Tenth Plan, power capacity addition to the tune of 36955 was envisaged.

(b) to (d) National Electricity Policy envisages "Power for All" by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12). The 16th Electric Power Survey has project peak demand at 151,648 MW by the end of Eleventh Plan. For required capacity addition, CEA has prepared shelf of projects which can be taken up during Eleventh Plan.

Long term power policy

†103. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted under the leadership of Sardar Montek Singh Ahaluwalia to formulate a long-term power policy in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that this committee was supposed to prepare and hand over the policy related documents by the end of 2005;

(c) if so, whether Government are likely to get these documents in time; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahaluwalia to formulate a long-term power policy in the country.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

Impact to unavailability of fuel on power project

†104. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production work has almost come to stand still in 7000 Mega Watt power generating projects in the country due to unavailability of fuel;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.